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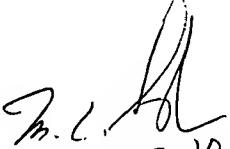
1. The reply filed on 12/8/1999 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because: appellant has failed to supply a copy of the appealed claims as required in the letter mailed on 12/03/99. Also, appellant has failed to provide three copies of the brief. Since the period for reply set forth as required under the appeal process has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

2. The appeal brief filed on 12/29/99 is defective because the three copies of the brief required under 37 CFR 1.192(a) have not been submitted.

3. The brief does not contain a copy of the claims involved in the appeal in the Appendix.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Mr. Graham at telephone number (703) 308-1113.


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